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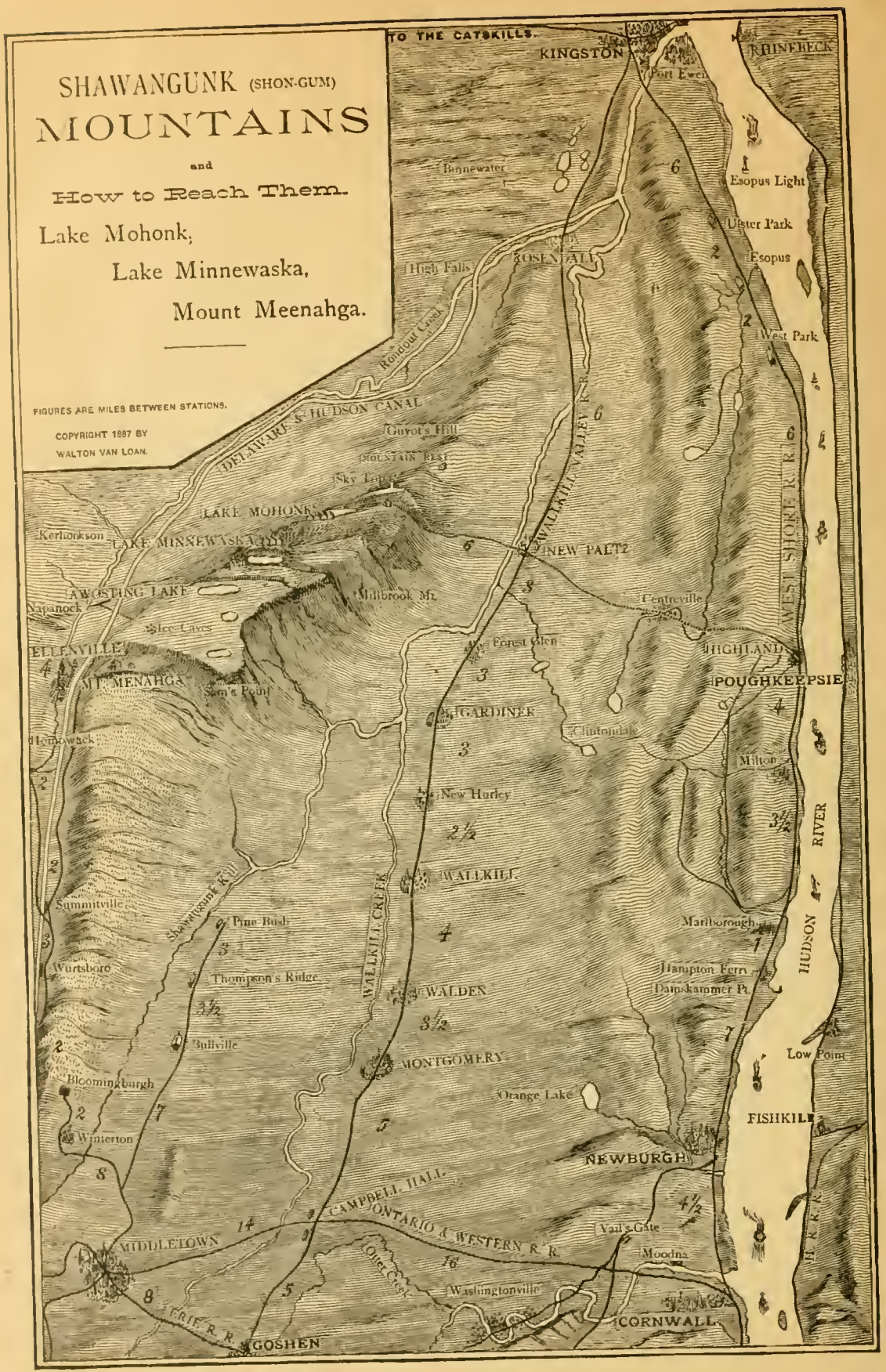
SHAWANGUNK (SHON-GUM)
MOUNTAINS
and
How to Reach Them.
Lake Mohonk,
Lake Minnewaska,
Mount Meenahga.
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TO THE CATSKILLS.
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Port Ewen
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Esopus Light
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West Park
High Falls
ROSENDALE
Rondout Creek
DELAWARE & HUDSON CANAL
Guyot's Hill
MOUNTAIN REST
Sky Top
LAKE MOHONK
Kerhonkson
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MOHONK LAKE.

VIEW FROM HOTEL VERANDAH.

MOHONK LAKE is located near the summit of Sky-Top, one of the higher of the Shawangunk Mountains, in Ulster County, New York, and is about fifteen miles west of Poughkeepsie on the Hudson, and six miles west from New Paltz, a station on the Wallkill Valley Railroad, a branch of the West Shore, eighty-eight miles from New York.

Approaches.

On the West Shore, and New York, Ontario & Western Railroads, there are three trains daily, to and from New York, morning, mid-day, and evening; and on the Erie Railroad a morning and afternoon train leaves New York for Mohonk, and there

are also returning trains morning and evening. All of these trains are met at New Paltz. The Hudson River day boats, to and from Albany and New York, and the Hudson River trains, are met at Poughkeepsie. West Shore trains at Highland, and trains on the Poughkeepsie Bridge Route at Loyd (Centreville), by special stage, on notice being given in advance.

☞ During the Summer Season, Time-Tables of all routes, revised to date, will be sent on application.

Parties desiring to inspect rooms in May will be met at the train upon proper notice being given, and when wishing to stay over night can be comfortably accommodated.

Rates of Board.

Before June 25th and after September 15th, single rooms $14 to $21 per week, and double rooms $28 to $40. Day rate, $3. From June 25th to September 15th, single rooms $18 to $25 per week, and double rooms $30 to $45. Day rate, $4. During the crowded part of the season, a few of the best rooms will command higher prices. The house will continue to be kept as a strictly TEMPERANCE HOUSE. Visitors are not expected to arrive or depart on the Sabbath. No dogs allowed.

A Telegraph Office

Will be open in the house during the season. The Western Union Telegraph Co. has a direct wire to New York, and connections in all directions. Telegrams should be addressed to "Mohonk Lake House, Mohonk Lake, N. Y."

A Post-Office

Has been established in the house, and letters should be addressed to "Albert K. Smiley, Proprietor, Mohonk Lake, Ulster County, N. Y."

Reading-Rooms

Are in each end of the house, which contain all the leading English and American monthly and quarterly periodicals, and weekly and daily papers, and a very complete list of books of reference. There is also a Circulating Library in the office, free to guests.

The Eleventh Annual Mohonk Indian Conference

Will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 11th, 12th and 13th. The sessions are held in the Public Parlor, and are open to all guests of the house.

A Livery Stable

Is connected with the house, where those bringing horses can have them boarded, and light excursion wagons, carriages and buckboards can be hired.

The roads about Mohonk are in splendid condition, thirty-five miles of private drives having been built on the mountain within a few years. Besides being very

smooth and free from dust, no steep grade has been permitted in their construction, and there are many miles of absolutely level road.

The old stables have recently been torn down, and rebuilt at a greater distance from the house. They are much larger than before, having stalls for one hundred and twenty horses. Great care has been taken to have them light, dry, well ventilated, well drained, and they are in charge of an experienced and responsible man, so that guests bringing their own horses and carriages can be sure of having them well cared for, and will find a wonderfully picturesque region thoroughly opened up by drives, which it is hardly possible can be surpassed in extent or fineness of outlook by those of any mountain resort in this country. A list of drives, with charges for livery horses, can be had on application.

Improvements

A new Dining Room and Kitchen have been built one story higher than before, now being on a level with the parlors. The new Dining Room is sixty feet wide and one hundred and twenty-five feet long, with a twenty-four foot ceiling, and has a remarkably fine outlook across the Lake on one side, and on the other over the Rondout Valley and Catskill Mountains. The new Kitchen is of ample size and fitted with the most recent and approved appliances. The new Dining Room has been connected with the main house by a building one hundred and thirty-five feet long, containing about seventy-five lodging rooms of large size, nearly all having private balconies and a fine outlook. The halls are heated by steam and the rooms by open Franklin fireplaces burning wood. An Otis hydraulic elevator has also been put in, and the halls and public rooms lighted with electricity. A system of water works has been completed, with twelve stand pipes scattered through the house which are supplied by a large Reservoir on Sky Top, at an elevation of about two hundred feet.

The Laundry has been thoroughly equipped with the Troy Laundry Machinery Co.'s most improved machinery, driven by steam power, and is fitted to turn out work of the very best quality.

The boilers, engines and pumps have been placed outside of the house, and far enough away to avoid disturbance by smoke or noise.

Scenery at Mohonk Lake.

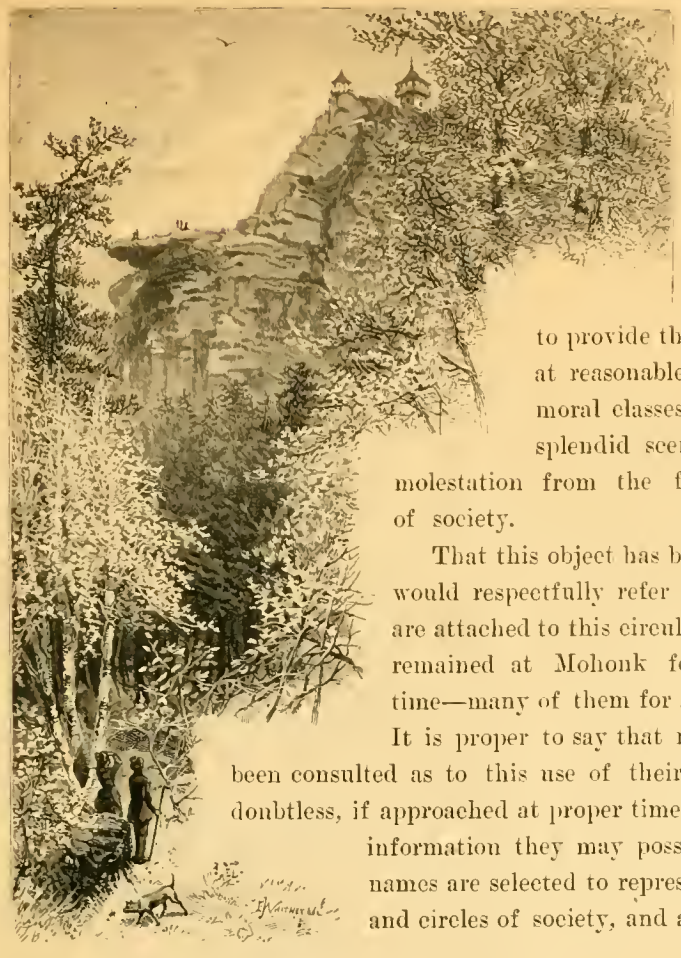
ALL who visit the Lake are impressed with the wonderful and greatly varied character of the scenery; a beautiful lake; massive rocks, each of them thousands of tons in weight; towering cliffs, and far extending views in all directions, embracing large portions of six States, and covering several thousands of square miles. Indeed, it is the general opinion of all widely traveled people who visit it, that in respect to the remarkable *combination* and *great variety* of imposing lake and mountain views, it has no superior,

if, indeed, it has any rival, on the Atlantic seaboard. The air is delightfully cool and bracing, the thermometer rarely rising above eighty degrees Fahrenheit.

By recent purchases, the estate connected with the hotel has been increased to over three thousand acres, including the top of the mountain for five miles in length. A part near the house consists of precipitous mountain slopes, rocks and forests; a thousand acres of farm land supply the house with a great variety of fresh vegetables and fruits—there being, besides numerous apple orchards, many acres of peaches, grapes, currants, blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, and other small fruits in full bearing; the pasture land feeds a herd of more than a hundred cows, selected and carefully bred, especially with a view to their excellence for the dairy, which supply fresh milk and cream in abundance; while the breezy tops and shady sides of the mountain are traversed by private roads and paths in every direction.

Since last season much labor has been expended in repairs, regrading and covering with a good layer of slate rock some of the older drives. There are now about thirty-five miles of good private road, with easy grades, and presenting a remarkable variety and extent of magnificent views—winding as they do along the cool top, or high on the side of the mountain, at an elevation of from one thousand to fifteen hundred feet, now plunging into primitive forests, and again breaking out into cultivated fields, now curving along the green slope of pastured hills, or passing under beetling cliffs among masses of broken rock heaped in endless confusion.

For a more particular account of some of the special attractions of the place, the reader is referred to the newspaper notices that follow.



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IN the management of the house at Mohonk Lake, it has been the aim to provide the comforts of a good home, at reasonable rates, for the refined and moral classes, where they can enjoy the splendid scenery of the Lake without molestation from the fast and rougher elements of society.

That this object has been attained, the proprietor would respectfully refer to the persons whose names are attached to this circular—nearly all of whom have remained at Mohonk for a considerable period of time—many of them for several years in succession. It is proper to say that none of these persons have been consulted as to this use of their names, but any of them, doubtless, if approached at proper times, would be glad to give any information they may possess about the Lake. The names are selected to represent a number of professions and circles of society, and are arranged alphabetically.

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MOUNTAIN REST

1893.

This Summer Boarding House, with accommodations for about forty guests, is situated on Huguenot Drive, at the crest of the mountain overlooking the valleys of both the Rondout and Wallkill. It will again be in charge of Mr. J. Irving Goddard, and all correspondence should be addressed to him at Mohonk Lake P. O., Ulster Co., N. Y.

Newspaper Notices.

FROM the first opening of Mohonk House, twenty-three years ago, the plan has been steadily continued to employ no correspondents, and never, directly or indirectly, to *solicit* any newspaper notices whatever. From the scores of voluntary notices that have from year to year appeared, a few brief extracts are here given.

"The longer I stayed beside that mountain lake the more fascinating it became to me. The restfulness of the atmosphere, the delight of climbing the cliffs, and treading the rocky caves and labyrinths, the evening paddles over the miniature lakelet, the glorious sunset views from the observatory, filled up every hour with rational enjoyment."—*Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, in New York Evangelist.*

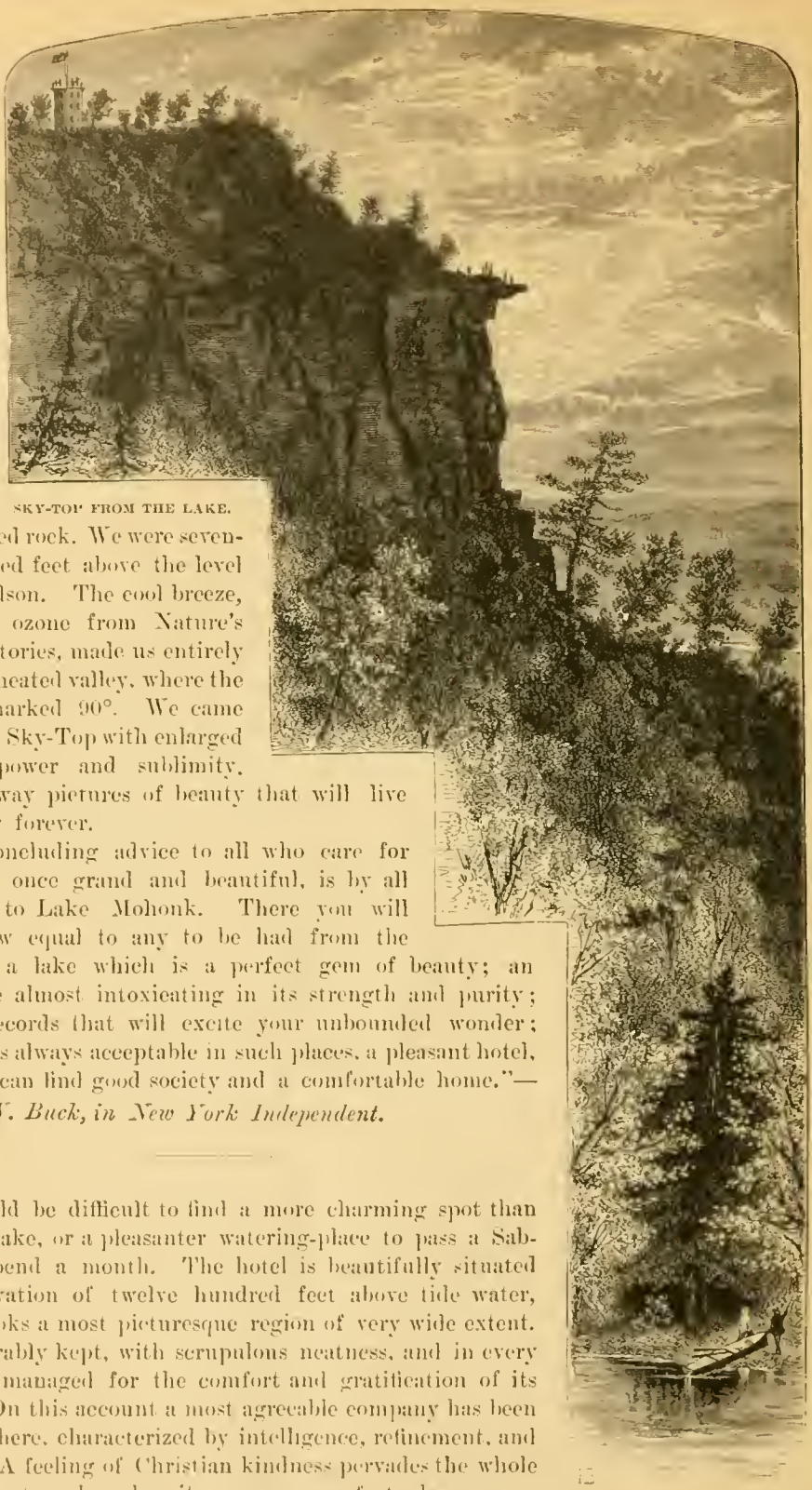
"A ride of an hour on the Wallkill Valley Railroad from Kingston, brings you to the quiet little village of New Paltz, and six miles of very easy mountain riding lands you at the Lake Mohonk House. Here, on the northern end of the Shawangunk range of lofty hills, is a place foreordained to be a favorite summer resort. At an altitude of 1200 feet above the Hudson, in a deep rocky gorge of the mountain, lies the sweetest of highland lakes, half a mile in length, deep, clear, and surrounded by headlong precipices. The whole mountain is a vast tumble of rocks piled in the most fantastic shapes, heavily wooded, and a natural flower garden. Here the arbutus, the azalea, the laurel, in succession clothe the rocky slopes with early summer beauty. There is an endless variety in the wondrous rock scenery, and a whole season would hardly suffice to explore this wild and wonderful labyrinth. But from the two summits, Sky-Top and Eagle's Cliff, in addition, an outlook is gained not inferior to any in the whole Catskill region; in some respects unrivaled in America. In the valleys of the Rondout and the

"Then two weeks at Sky-Top and Lake Mohonk; one of those rare places where the creative power seems to have rehearsed for every form of grandeur and gentleness; an Alpine lake on the top of a mountain 1200 feet above the valley, the mountain itself a gigantic monument of rock scenery wrought into every form of wildness and grace, and from any point on the summit cliffs an outlook over two perfect valleys, with fifty miles of the western horizon crowded with glorious mountain ranges, amid whose mysterious realms the sinking sun and the morning mist work such magic as only poetry exalted to worship can fitly rehearse."—*Rev. A. D. Mayo, in Sunday Morning Telegram.*

Wallkill below, beautiful as paradise, lie the great grazing and dairy farms of the city. Eastward can be traced the course of the Hudson, and the line of the Green Mountains, with their most commanding summits. The whole western horizon is crowded by piled-up walls of azure, stretching from the Alleghanies in the southwest to the cone of Overlook in the north,—certainly the most satisfying view we have yet seen of an extended portion of this range. Here is a large boarding-house, admirably kept, for a wonder in this State, without liquor, or the noisy nuisance of interminable dancing, bawling, and racketing that make our American watering places the disgust of all quiet souls. For a restful season, amid exquisite scenery, with the best of quiet company, at endurable prices, in easy distance of the great eastern cities, this is, so far, the best mountain house we have found. Another year the house will be greatly enlarged; and, while as well kept as now, the crowd that comes to it will not diminish."—*Springfield Republican.*

"The little world in which the lake is embosomed has peculiar attractions which the amateur geologist or intelligent visitor studies with increasing wonder as he goes up and down among these rocks and dells, and caves and dens of the earth. The Smileys have made walks and stairs, arbors, seats, and bridges, with skill and taste, and names have easily been attached to the several marvelous places of interest, so that days and weeks are pleasantly spent in exploring the mysterious caverns, the Giant's Workshop, and Eagle Cliff, and gazing upon the Old Man of the Mountain. . . . Here, upon the lofty borders of this pure lake, among the wooded and rocky cliffs and heights, with rustic arbors and romantic walks, the company—only the best of people, quiet, intelligent, refined, and well-to-do—love to dwell; always cool and comfortable, without a bar or a ball-room, but filled with the beauty of a glorious world of Nature out of doors, and well cared for with the comforts of a hospitable inn."—*Irenæus, in New York Observer.*

"A few rods more and we began to descend the mountain, and in a few moments caught the first glimpse of Mohonk Lake, one of the most beautiful mountain lakes, and unquestionably one of the greatest surprises in the Atlantic States. . . . You did not expect to find such a body of water up there. It is small, only half a mile long, and a few hundred feet in width, but it would be difficult to find a spot more interesting and beautiful. The Mohonk Lake House, a picturesque frame building, with numerous gables and balconies, is built on the lower edge of the lake, and its style of architecture is altogether in keeping with the general character of this unique spot. It faces the lake, on the other side of which Sky-Top rears its lofty summit. The rear of the hotel looks out upon the extensive Rondout Valley, bounded by the Shandaken Mountains, and some of the Catskills on the north. I doubt whether there is another house on the Atlantic coast that combines so many advantages."—*Rev. Dr. Krotel, in the Lutheran.*



SKY-TOP FROM THE LAKE.

"Words can give no idea of that view. We stood on the edge of a precipice three hundred feet high, with the lake five hundred feet below us, sparkling like a jewel set in the rugged rock. We were seventeen hundred feet above the level of the Hudson. The cool breeze, laden with ozone from Nature's own laboratories, made us entirely forget the heated valley, where the mercury marked 90°. We came down from Sky-Top with enlarged ideas of power and sublimity, carrying away pictures of beauty that will live in memory forever.

"Our concluding advice to all who care for scenery, at once grand and beautiful, is by all means go to Lake Mohonk. There you will find a view equal to any to be had from the Catskills; a lake which is a perfect gem of beauty; an atmosphere almost intoxicating in its strength and purity; geologic records that will excite your unbounded wonder; and, what is always acceptable in such places, a pleasant hotel, where you can find good society and a comfortable home."—*Prof. S. W. Buck, in New York Independent.*

"It would be difficult to find a more charming spot than Mohonk Lake, or a pleasanter watering-place to pass a Sabbath, or spend a month. The hotel is beautifully situated on an elevation of twelve hundred feet above tide water, and overlooks a most picturesque region of very wide extent. It is admirably kept, with scrupulous neatness, and in every respect is managed for the comfort and gratification of its visitors. On this account a most agreeable company has been attracted there, characterized by intelligence, refinement, and content. A feeling of Christian kindness pervades the whole establishment, and makes it as near a perfect place as one can find away from his own home."—*Samuel H. Hall, D.D., in Sailors' Magazine.*

"I have never seen such a variety of beauties crowded into so small a compass—lake, mountain, rock, and wide expanded plain; here a succession of cabinet pictures of most exquisite finish, there a panorama measured by scores of miles.

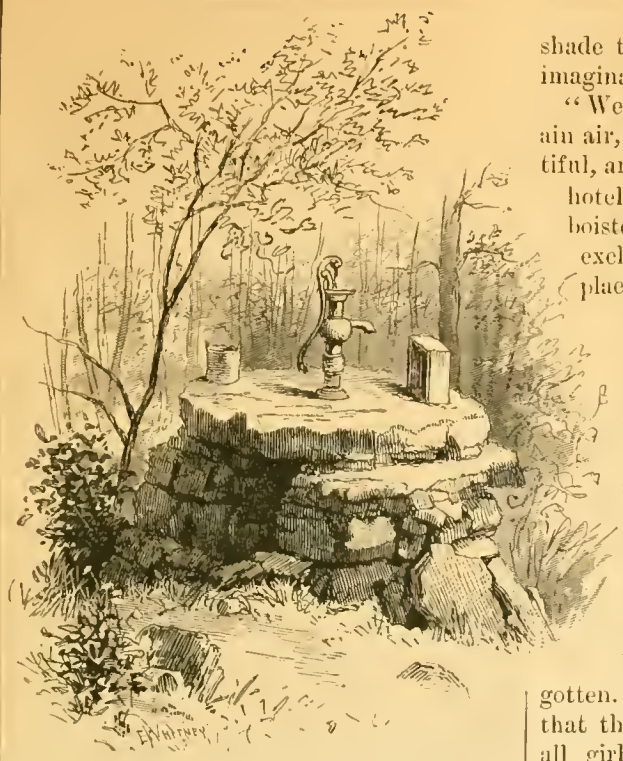
"The lake is a gem, exquisite in itself, and exquisite in its setting. Its clear water is an emerald-green. In one little cave, where for the last half-hour my boat has been lying, the rocks are turned to emerald by the reflection from the water. All around the lake the rocky sides rise in precipitous cliffs, or in masses of huge stones tumbled together in sublime confusion. Pine Bluff, which shades me from the setting sun as I write, rises fully fifty feet, literally a perpendicular wall, from the water's edge. The two sentinels which guard the gateway to this little lake are, the one 300 feet, the other 200; the former nearly perpendicular, the latter quite so.

"If I leave the lake and ascend either of these cliffs, the panoramic scene is one which defies alike the pencil and the pen. The view from the Catskills is wider in its range; but here we are on the edge of a knife blade, and either side commands a prospect equally extended. In this respect I remember no mountain-peak that compares with it, not even Mt. Holyoke, which it somewhat resembles. . . . I have never seen before anything analogous to the rock-rambles of this region. One such ramble, surveyed and rendered passable by some little work here and there, but not enough to destroy the effect of nature, Mr. Smiley has well named the 'Labyrinth.' Yesterday I followed him throughout its entire length. For a full half-mile, but by the tortuous way we came for at least double that distance, we clambered along the mountain side, now down through a deep chasm or cleft in the rock, whose walls, towering one hundred feet above us, brushed our shoulders on either side; now across a similar chasm, looking down from our frail bridge into a cleft as deep beneath our feet; now peering into a cave whose subterranean recesses I did not care to explore, now into another, where bubbled up a mountain spring of clear cold water, the only bar within three miles of the Mohonk House; now clambering out and up into a seat built on a shelf of rocks, from which we catch a charming glimpse of the lake and the house upon it, now clambering down again by aid of laurel bushes which have grown to trees whose trunks my two hands cannot clasp; while all the way is rich with moss and ferns and lichens, whose varying tints of green and brown make every new step afford a new revelation. My cousin George, who is an artist in his way, assures me that there is not to his knowledge in America a picture gallery of such varied scenes, such hosts and hosts of cabinet pictures; and I can well believe him, though I have neither an artist's hand nor, alas! an artist's eye."—*Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott in Illustrated Christian Weekly.*

"Mohonk House, located on the edge of the lake, commands a fine view of lake and mountain, has good bathing and fishing advantages, and is within easy access of delightful woodland rambles. The House—whose interior arrangements of generously furnished table, good serving by tidy American girls, appetizing Yankee cookery, sleeping rooms the perfection of neatness and comfort, are worthy of its beautiful surroundings—is itself a veritable Swiss chalet on a large scale, and blends picturesquely with lake and mountain."—*New York Evening Post.*

VIEW ON MOHONK LAKE.

"Up, up we climb above the monarchs of the forest; up to where the air is rarefied; up to the height of a thousand feet or more; when, lo! a vision of enchantment is before us. O, divers after beauty! here is the pearl of it,—the crystal, hill-locked Mohonk Lake. We wish we could describe it to you as it looked that bright July day, sparkling in the sunlight, as it always looks, for no strife of the elements, however fierce, ruffles or disturbs its placidity. The storm-king cannot even jog its rock-bound cradle."—*New York Evening Post.*



"I think I never had larger ideas of beauty, grandeur, and magnificence. . . 'Tis difficult to paint a diamond, a sun, or a rainbow; 'tis equally difficult to describe the indescribable. What a pencil I need, what canvas, and what colors, to do justice to such a scene; and then I would need an angel's hand to guide the pencil.

"At the north end of the lake is the hotel or boarding-house. Everything is neat, in perfect order, and particular attention is paid to the comfort of the guests. At the house there is always a cool breeze that is always refreshing. From the house is a splendid western view, wild, grand, picturesque."—*Rev. J. B. Wakeley, D.D., in Newburgh Journal.*

"An excellent hotel, of quiet, genteel character, capable of accommodating a large number of visitors, stands at the side of the lake; and we know of no place equal to it for wild and picturesque beauty, combined with extensive and magnificent views in every direction, where sailing, rowing, and fishing, with wild mountain rambles, may be enjoyed to such advantage. Adjacent to the hotel, the grounds have been graded and smoothed, and converted into a handsome lawn, interspersed with the native trees, under whose shade the huge rocks form seats of every imaginable shape and character. . . .

"We advise every one who wishes mountain air, with all that is picturesque, beautiful, and grand, with a quiet and excellent hotel home, where the annoyances of boisterous drinking and gambling are excluded, to make a sojourn at this place."—*Editor of Albany Cultivator and Country Gentleman.*

"Lodged in the basin, just large enough to hold it, and threatening to break away at either end, about one-half a mile in length, northeast and southwest, guarded on either side by lofty domes of rock, that rise like great fortifications up to the sky out of its glassy green waters, eighty feet deep, Mohonk Lake is a picture, a marvel, not to be described, and never to be forgotten. . . . . Let me add, in conclusion, that the table is good, and the waiters—all girls—are models; polite, attentive, and modest."—*New Jersey Republican.*

"Mohonk Lake is one of the most interesting places I have visited. Bold and savage features are combined with the gentle and picturesque in inexhaustible variety. Those huge masses of rock tumbled in wild confusion, contrasted with rich forests, distant views of mountain ranges and smiling valleys, with the clear lake reflecting at your feet, form together a scene most impressive and delightful, of which the artist and lover of nature can never weary."—*D. Huntington.*

"The company that gather here and fill the house to repletion, despite the annual extensions and additions made by the proprietor, Mr. A. K. Smiley, belong to the genteel and cultivated class, that go for the real object of seeking health and enjoyment in a quiet and restful place. The excitements of a fashionable resort are unknown on these peaceful heights; but all that pure mountain air and select society can give, may be found at Mohonk Lake."—*Prof. Martin, in New York Tribune.*

"Few spots on our continent unite so much beauty of scenery, both grand and lovely, within so small a compass, to be enjoyed with so much ease."—*Professor A. Guyot, of Princeton.*

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